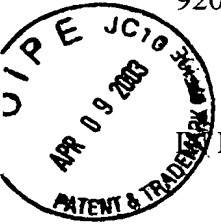


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Dear Sir:

In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. Section 1.136, the applicant hereby petitions for an automatic extension of time of 1 months to respond to the Office Action of December 19, 2002. Response will therefore be timely if filed with the Patent and Trademark Office no later than April 19, 2003.

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